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Welcome to the planet Mobius – a world unique and beyond what you know from the SEGA games!
Where Sonic and the heroic Freedom Fighters work to save the world from the forces of evil!

OKAY, SO I'VE BEEN OUT OF SORTS.
HEY, SONIC! I SAVED YOU A SEAT.
THANKS, BUD.

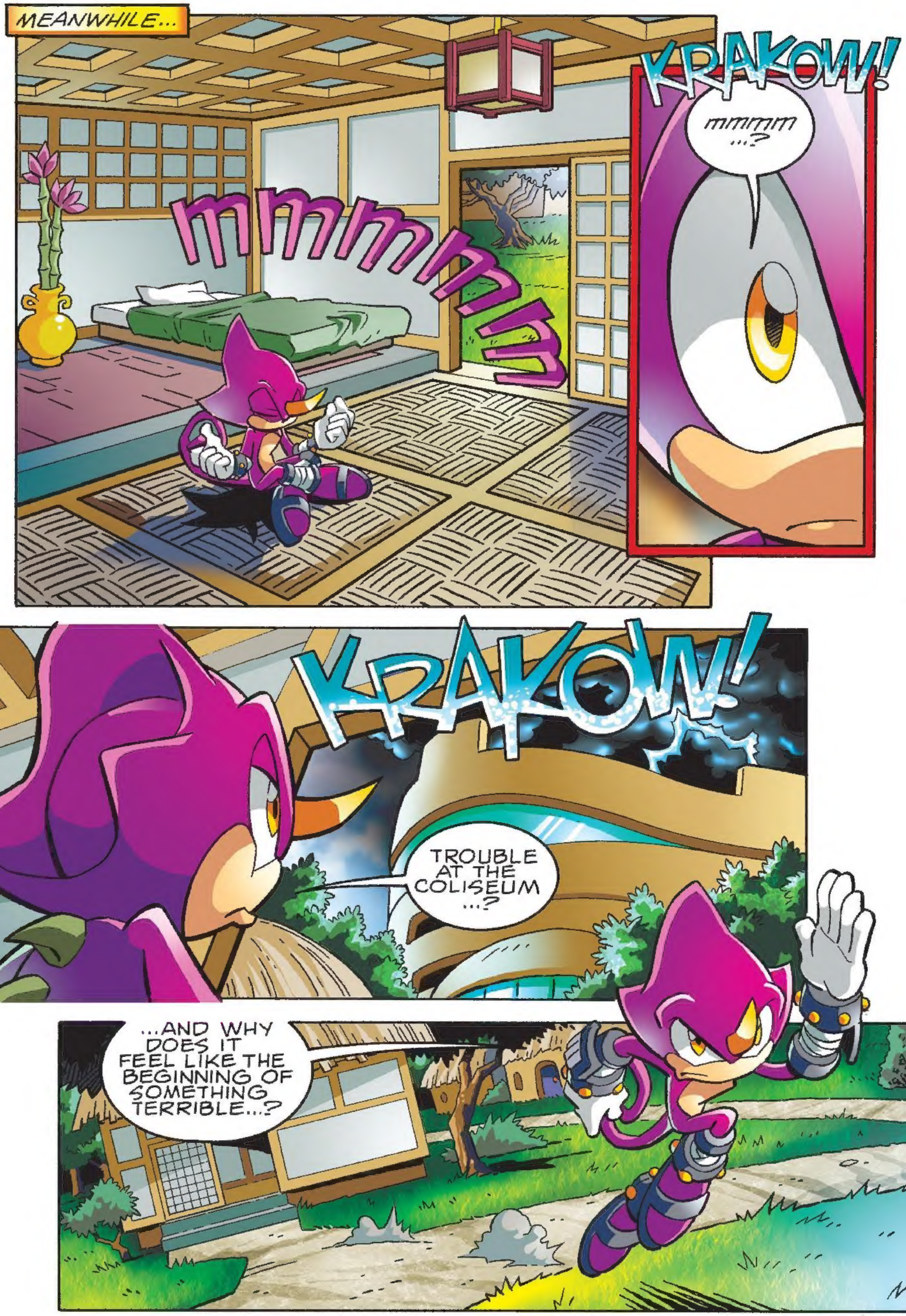
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ROBOTNIK? THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME WE'VE THOUGHT WE DEFEATED HIM.
IT'S NOT THAT. I KNOW WE GOT HIM THIS TIME.
I SAW HIM SNAP. DUDE TOTALLY FELL APART RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.

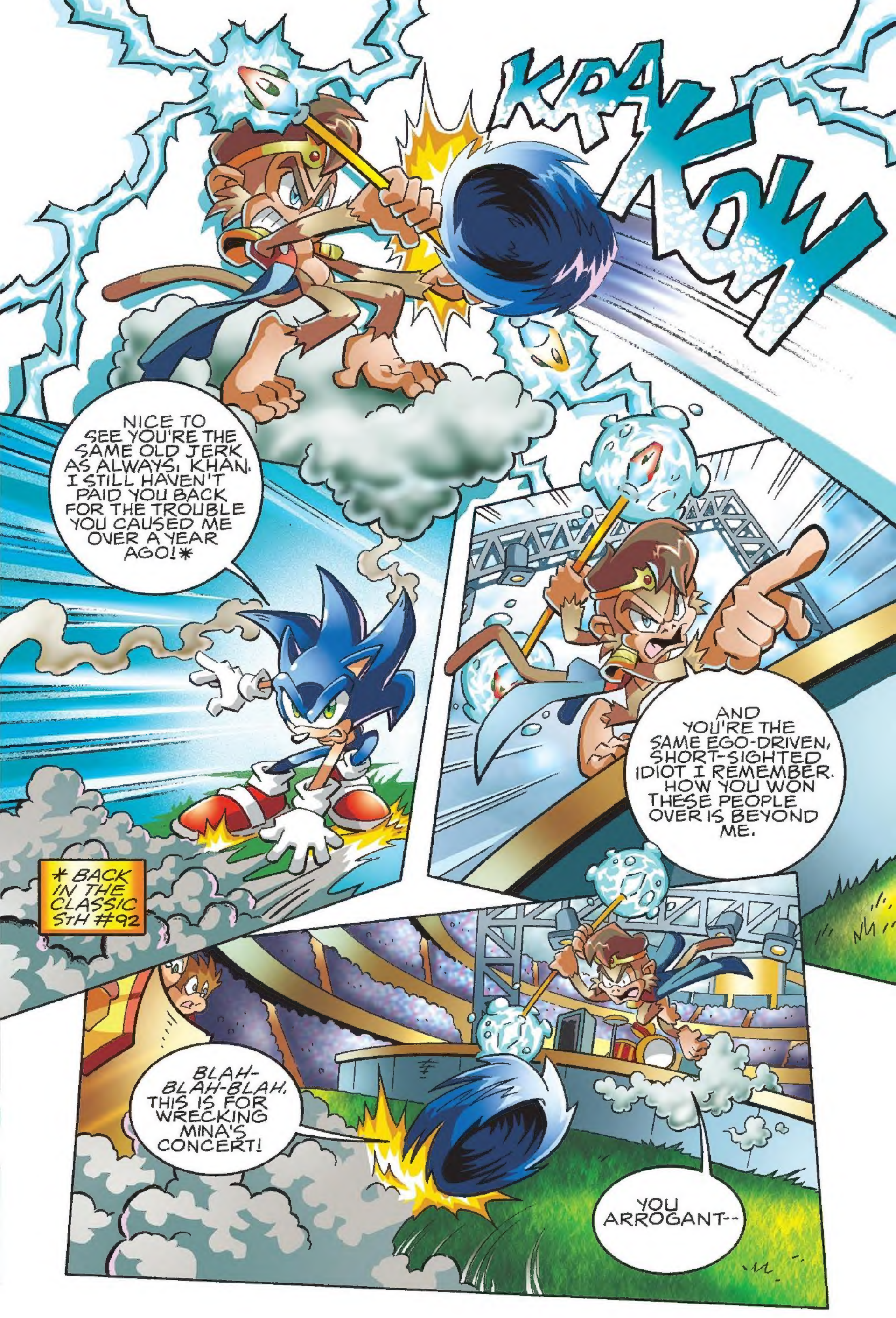
I'VE BEAT HIM PLENTY OF TIMES BEFORE, BUT THIS FELT... DIFFERENT. LIKE I DID SOMETHING TO HIM WORSE THAN JUST KICKING HIS BUTT.
IT'S LIKE THINGS WENT TOO FAR THIS TIME.

NEVERMIND ALL THE UNSPEAKABLE THINGS HE'S DONE.
I'M NOT MAKING ANY SENSE, SAL.
WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT MORE LATER, OKAY?
FOR NOW, MINA'S MUSIC SHOULD PUT YOU IN A BETTER MOOD.

HELLOOOOOO, NEW MOBOTROPOLIS!
WE'RE THE "FORGET ME KNOTS!" WE'RE BACK FROM OUR WORLD TOUR, AND WE'RE READY TO ROCK! ARE YOU!?
YEAH!
LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED !!!
KRA-KOW!
AHH!

"PARTY?" THE BEACON OF HOPE FOR MOBIUS, AND YOU'RE PLAYING LIKE CHILDREN AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
WHAT KIND OF LAZY, SELF-CONGRATULATORY JERKS REVEL WHEN THE REST OF THE WORLD SUFFERS?
WHERE ARE THESE SO-CALLED "HEROES" OF MOBIUS? I WANT YOU CHARLATANS TO LOOK ME IN THE EYE AND TELL ME WHY YOU'RE SO GREAT!
MONKEY KHAN?
AND JUST WHEN I THOUGHT POST-ROBOTNIK LIFE WOULD BE BORING.


MEANWHILE...
mmmm
KRAKOW!
mmmm ...?
KRAKOW!
TROUBLE AT THE COLISEUM ...?
...AND WHY DOES IT FEEL LIKE THE BEGINNING OF SOMETHING TERRIBLE...?


KRA-KOW
NICE TO SEE YOU'RE THE SAME OLD JERK AS ALWAYS, KHAN. I STILL HAVEN'T PAID YOU BACK FOR THE TROUBLE YOU CAUSED ME OVER A YEAR AGO!*
AND YOU'RE THE SAME EGO-DRIVEN, SHORT-SIGHTED IDIOT I REMEMBER. HOW YOU WON THESE PEOPLE OVER IS BEYOND ME.
* BACK IN THE CLASSIC STH #92
BLAH-BLAH-BLAH, THIS IS FOR WRECKING MINA'S CONCERT!
YOU ARROGANT--

CUT IT OUT!
JUMPING INTO A BIG FIGHT DOES NOT HELP THIS SITUATION. COOL IT.
FINE, FINE. YOU TALK TO THE HOT-HEAD.
AND IF YOU'VE GOT A GRIEVANCE WITH US, YOU CAN DO IT CIVILLY... AND WITHOUT THE LIGHT SHOW.
I... SUPPOSE...
...I COULD'VE HANDLED INTRODUCTIONS BETTER.
BUT TO SEE YOU ALL PLAYING AROUND WHEN THE EGGMAN EMPIRE IS...
WE DEFEATED DR. ROBOTNIK A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO. THE EMPIRE SHOULD BE IN COLLAPSE.
COLLAPSE?! ALL YOU DID WAS CHANGE WHO'S IN CHARGE! THE DOCTOR MAY BE OFF HIS THRONE, BUT...

EGGDOME-- IRON THRONE ROOM...

...NOW SHE'S IN CONTROL.

HAIL TO THE IRON QUEEN, NEW EMPRESS OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE!

THANK YOU, MY FINE STEWARD. CONQUERING STORM, YOUR REPORT?

THE YAGYU CLAN HAS SCOURED THE CITY. NEW MEGAOPOLIS IS IN COMPLETE RUIN. ONLY THE EGGDOME IS OPERATIONAL.

I'M SURE WE HAVE MY CUTE LITTLE STEWARD TO THANK FOR THAT, DON'T WE?

HEE-HEE! WELL, I DO MY BEST...

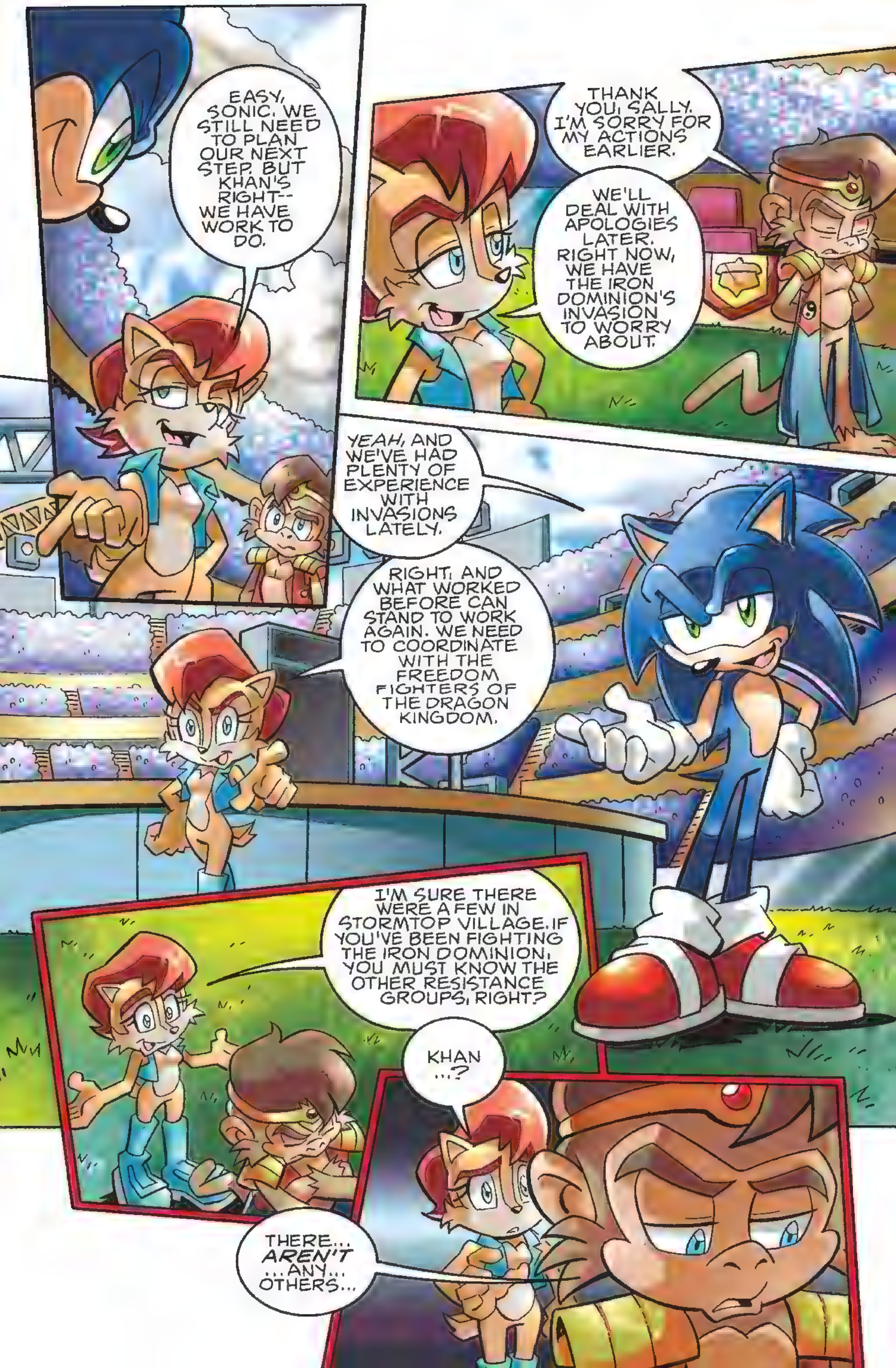
BAH! WE HAD EVERYTHING BACK IN THE IRON DOMINION. WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT THIS TRASH HEAP OF A CITY?
AND I DON'T LIKE HOW YOUR RUNTY STEWARD KEEPS ANNOUNCING ONLY YOU. AND KEEPS ACTING SO FAMILIAR WITH YOU. AND KEEPS BREATHING...
eep!
NOW- NOW, MY KING. REMEMBER THAT THIS IS ONLY TEMPORARY. WE'LL MOVE THE SEAT OF THE EMPIRE BACK TO OUR HOLDINGS IN THE DRAGON KINGDOM SOON.
HMPH.
NOT ALL IS LOST, MY KING. A-ALL THE WEAPONS WITHIN THE R-RUINS CAN JOIN YOUR C-COLLECTION!

BAH! I MIGHT AS WELL LOOK FOR SOMETHING OF USE SINCE OUR ARMY HERE IS SO WEAK. CONQUERING STORM, COME WITH ME.
YES, SIR.
MY APOLOGIES FOR ARRIVING UNANNOUNCED, YOUR HIGHNESS, BUT I COME IN REGARDS TO YOUR..."WEAK" ARMY.
GRANDMASTER DIMITRI OF THE DARK EGG LEGION, CORRECT?
AND ANOTHER OF YOUR HUMBLE SUPPORTERS, YOUR MAJESTY.
SUCH A GENTLEMAN! PLEAD YOUR CASE TO YOUR QUEEN.
WHEN DR. ROBOTNIK SUPPLIED MY PEOPLE WITH THEIR CYBER-NETICS, HE TOOK THE LIBERTY TO ADD EXPLOSIVE DEVICES TO ENSURE OUR UN-WAVERING LOYALTY. GIVEN OUR SUPPORT OF YOUR COUP DE TAT, I WOULD HOPE YOU COULD GIVE US PEACE OF MIND AND REMOVE THEM.

I HAVE ALREADY REVIEWED YOUR PLIGHT, GRANDMASTER, AND I'M AFRAID THE DOCTOR'S WORK WAS TOO THOROUGH. I CANNOT REMOVE THE EXPLOSIVES.
I HAVE, HOWEVER, DEVELOPED A MICRO-CHIP THAT WILL DISABLE THE DETONATOR SIGNAL, AND WILL THUS STILL BE PROVIDING YOUR PEOPLE WITH THEIR FREEDOM.
INSTALL THEM INTO ALL OF YOUR PEOPLE, AND MAY MY BLESSING BE WITH THEM ALWAYS.
I WILL AT ONCE. YOU HAVE MY UTMOST THANKS, MY QUEEN.

POOR TRUSTING FOOL.
AND AT LAST WE'RE ALONE.
MREE-HEE-HEE-HEE! OH, SNIVY-KINS! EVERYTHING IS WORKING OUT SPLENDIDLY!
OF COURSE IT IS, REGINA! WE'RE BRILLIANT!
IT WON'T BE VERY LONG NOW. WE'LL CRUSH THE REBELS IN NEW MOBOTROPOLIS, DISPOSE OF MY OAF OF A KING, AND RULE THE WORLD WITH AN IRON FIST.
YOU SAY THE SWEETEST THINGS, MY DEAR.
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THAT PESKY HEDGE-HOG...
...AND THEN NOTHING WILL STAND IN OUR WAY!

NEW MOBOTROPOLIS --COLISEUM...
...AND THAT'S WHERE IT STANDS. MOST OF THE NINJA AND THEIR CLAN LEADERS ARE STILL IN THE DRAGON KINGDOM, BUT SHE'S MOVED A LARGE FORCE TO CEMENT HER TAKE-OVER.
KHAN ...I'M SORRY. WE DIDN'T KNOW.
MON DIEU...
ANTOINE, IF YOU WOULD HELP ME GATHER THE COUNCIL? WE NEED TO DISCUSS HOW WE'RE GOING TO HANDLE THIS NEW THREAT.
"HANDLE?" YOU DID THE SAME THING YOU DID WITH ROBOTNIK! NOTHING HAS CHANGED FOR YOU. YOUR FIGHT ISN'T OVER YET...
...IT'S JUST BEGINNING.
SONIC?


EASY, SONIC. WE STILL NEED TO PLAN OUR NEXT STEP. BUT KHAN'S RIGHT-- WE HAVE WORK TO DO.
THANK YOU, SALLY. I'M SORRY FOR MY ACTIONS EARLIER.
WE'LL DEAL WITH APOLOGIES LATER. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE THE IRON DOMINION'S INVASION TO WORRY ABOUT.
YEAH, AND WE'VE HAD PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE WITH INVASIONS LATELY.
RIGHT, AND WHAT WORKED BEFORE CAN STAND TO WORK AGAIN. WE NEED TO COORDINATE WITH THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF THE DRAGON KINGDOM.
I'M SURE THERE WERE A FEW IN STORMTOP VILLAGE. IF YOU'VE BEEN FIGHTING THE IRON DOMINION, YOU MUST KNOW THE OTHER RESISTANCE GROUPS, RIGHT?
KHAN ...?
THERE... AREN'T ...ANY... OTHERS...

IN THAT CASE, ME AND KHAN CAN ZIP OVER TO NEW MEGAOPOLIS AND JUST KICK THEM OUT NOW.
ABSOLUTELY NOT!
COME ON, SAL! I'VE ALREADY TANGLED WITH THESE JOKERS.* THEY'RE NOT ALL THAT TOUGH.
THEY CAN'T BE TOTAL PUSH-OVERS, SONIC, IF THEY CONTROL THE DRAGON KINGDOM AND TOOK OVER THE WHOLE EMPIRE!
*IN THE CLASSIC STH # 60
NO. IF HE THINKS HE'S SO MIGHTY, I'D BE HAPPY TO SHOW HIM JUST HOW OUT OF HIS LEAGUE HE REALLY IS.
BIG WORDS, LITTLE MAN! THINK YOU CAN KEEP UP?
EURGH! HONESTLY!
OKAY, GO, BUT THIS IS FOR RECON ONLY.
AND IF WE HAPPEN TO LIBERATE MOBIUS ALONG THE WAY, IT'S A HAPPY BONUS. GOT IT!
÷SIGH÷ SONIC!

GO SONIC!
FOLLOW ME, M.K. I'LL SHOW YOU HOW THIS DESPOT-TOPPLING THING IS DONE.
HEY, DO I GET AN APOLOGY FOR ALL THE CRUD YOU'VE SAID AND DONE TO ME?
ONLY IF I GET ONE IN RETURN.
HA!
I WILL NEVER UNDER-STAND HOW THE PRINCESS COULD BE WITH YOU.
EH, NOT MUCH TO UNDERSTAND. WE'RE NOT TOGETHER ANYMORE.
...REALLY?

A *NEW EVIL* HAS CLAIMED THE WORLD OF *MOBIUS!* WILL *SONIC* AND *MONKEY KHAN* BE ABLE TO *STOP THE INVASION EARLY*--OR IS THIS THE *BEGINNING OF THE END* FOR OUR *HEROES?*

Devotion

NICOLE.

I'M HERE, ESPIO.

WHY ARE THERE LIGHTNING STRIKES IN THE COLISEUM? IT'S A CLEAR--

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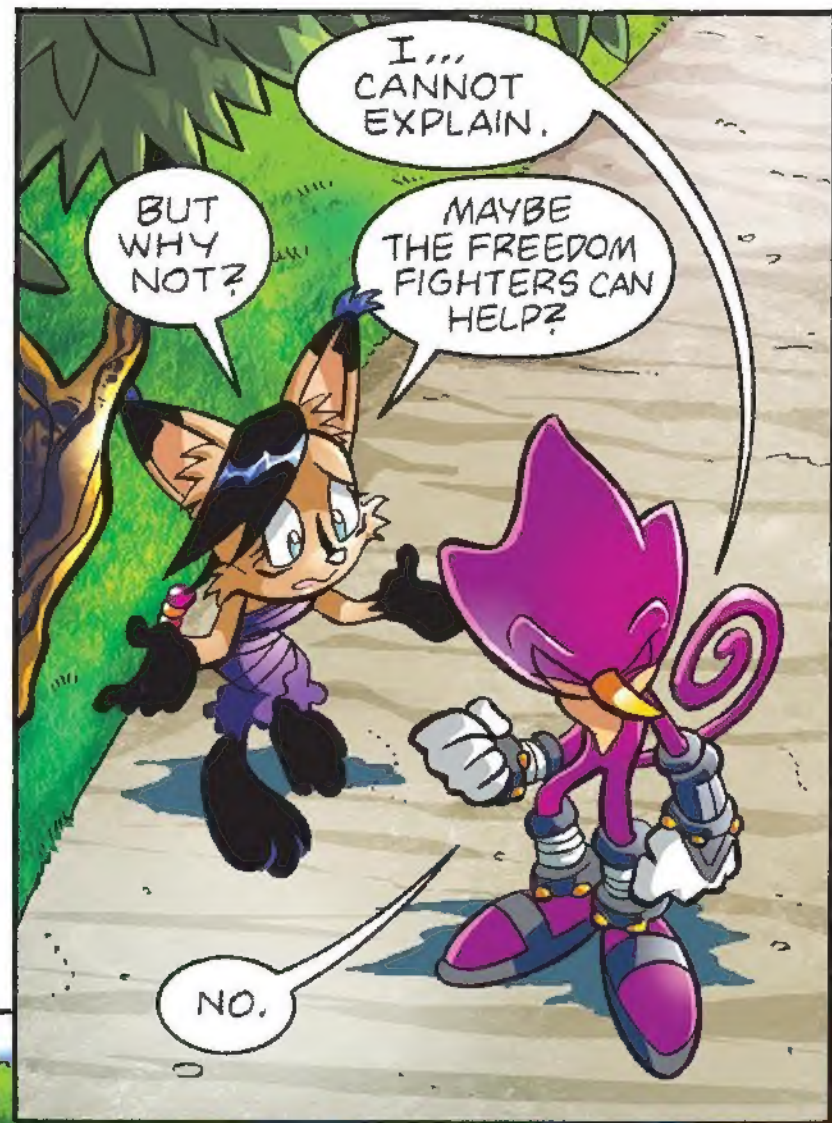
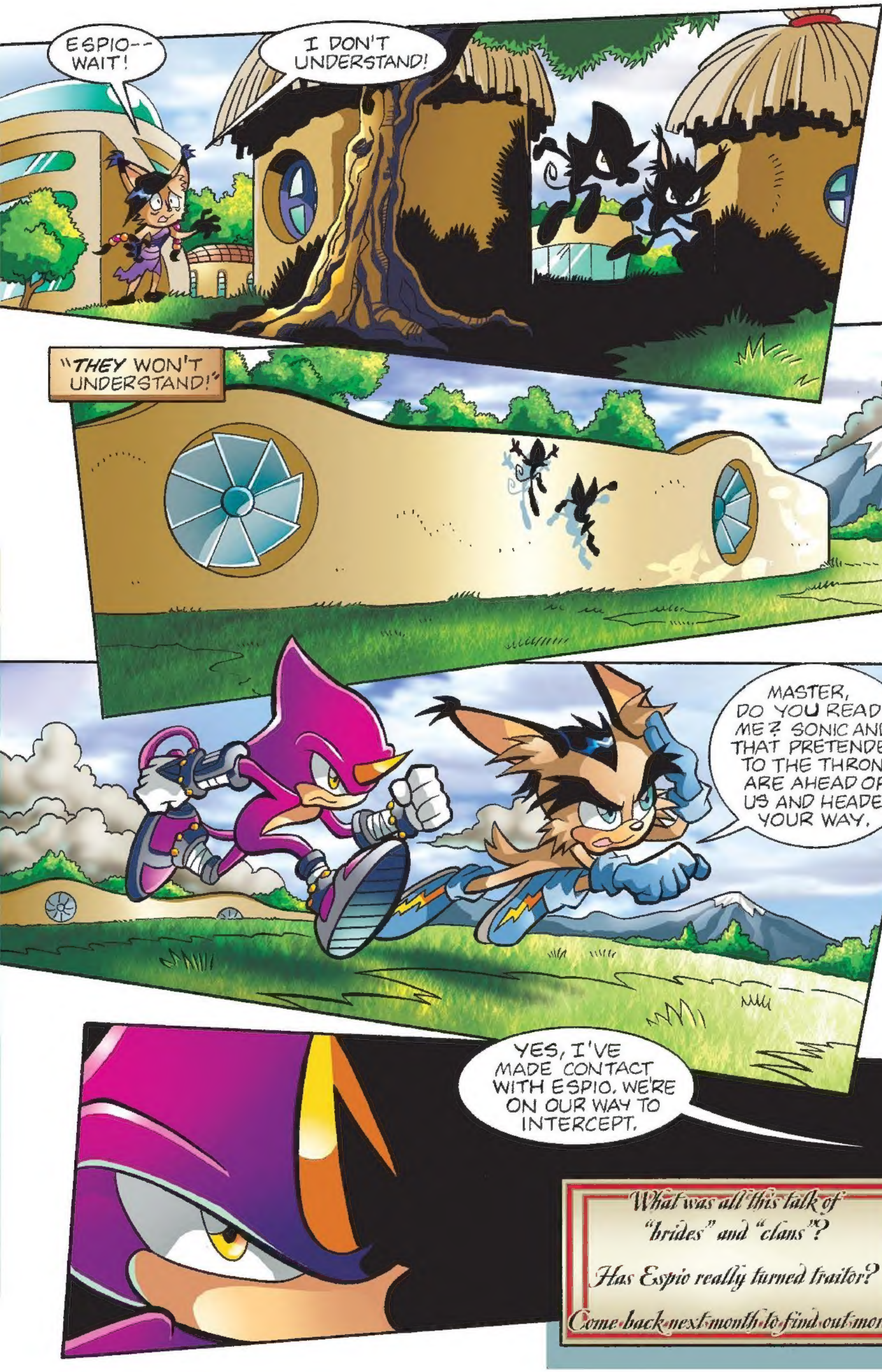
WHA--?!
YOU'RE GETTING SLOW.
ALRIGHT, MAYBE NOT *THAT* SLOW.
SOMETHING'S WRONG. I'M NOT DETECTING THE REST OF THE DESTRUCTIX HERE.
BECAUSE I'M NOT WITH THEM ANYMORE. I'M HERE ON CLAN BUSINESS-- "BROTHER".
...WHAT?

THE CLAN WARS ARE OVER.
THE BRIDE OF FOUR HOUSES RULES US ALL NOW.
IMPOSSIBLE.
IT'S THE TRUTH.
SHE SLEW THE BRIDE OF RICH NIGHTS AND TOOK THE YAGYU CLAN AS HER OWN. THE OTHERS FELL INTO PLACE IN SHORT ORDER.
LIES! THE SHINOBI CLAN WOULD NEVER...!
I BRING ORDERS FROM THE BRIDE OF CONSTANT VIGIL HERSELF. ORDERS SHE ENTRUSTED TO ME.
BUT... YOU'RE NOT...
I AM NOW.
THE BRIDE OF THE CONQUERING STORM SAW THE VALUE IN AN AGENT ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN THE REGION.

ESPIO, WHAT IS LIGHTNING TALKING ABOUT? WHAT BRIDES? WHAT CLANS?


I... CANNOT EXPLAIN.
BUT WHY NOT?
MAYBE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS CAN HELP?
NO.

I HAVE BEEN SUMMONED. I MUST FULFILL MY NEW DUTIES.
TELL KNUCKLES I...
NEVERMIND. GOOD-BYE, NICOLE.


ESPIO--WAIT!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
"THEY WON'T UNDERSTAND!"
MASTER, DO YOU READ ME? SONIC AND THAT PRETENDER TO THE THRONE ARE AHEAD OF US AND HEADED YOUR WAY.
YES, I'VE MADE CONTACT WITH ESPIO. WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO INTERCEPT.
What was all this talk of "brides" and "clans"?
Has Espio really turned traitor?
Come back next month to find out more!

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LETTERS

Dear Sonic Grams:
Greetings, and happy 200th issue! I started reading a few comics ago and now get one each month. Being a fan of the old Sega games I find the story very interesting. I think it would be awesome if in one issue all the villains team up.

There was something like that in STH#162-164 "The Darkest Storm." Check it out if you haven't already!

Also I find it cute how Amy likes Sonic so much but he's destined to be with Sally. I'll keep on reading, and you guys keep up the good work!

Tyler G.
Sent via e-mail to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

"Destined," eh? Even when they've been broken up for about 70 issues? Let us know what you think!

Dear Sonic Grams:
Hi! My name is Trey and I'm a really big Sonic fan. But I have a question about your comics. Why did you change the way Sonic looks from comics like Sonic the Beginning?

Sonic was transformed into his new look by a mixing of strange powers in STH#71. The behind-the-scenes reason was that SEGA updated his look for Sonic Adventure on the Dreamcast and asked us to update everyone's looks to match.

Dear Sonic Grams,
I LOVE your comic books (and the games too).

We appreciate the love, but we can't take any credit for the games. We just get to do the comic.

By the way, can you give me some tips on where to find some back issues of Sonic the Hedgehog? Tell Sonic I said Hi!

Thanks,
Austin M.
Washington

You can always look over the Sonic Checklist in each issue of Sonic for back-issues. Many of the older stories are being reprinted in the Sonic Archives and Sonic Selects graphic novels, too! If you can't find what you're looking for there, try your local comic shop or have your parents help you look for an online vendor.

Hey Sonic Grams,
What's the deal with Sonic & Amy? In this comic, she just has a crush on him. Is that so bad? I recall in STH# 193 that Sonic got mad with Sally for pairing him up with Amy to explore Anti-Mobius. I'm not forcing Sonic to like Amy, I'm just saying that he should be a little more compassionate towards her feelings for him. Also, I saw an article with SEGA saying that Sonic does like Amy. I'm also a little confused because I recently got Sonic and The Black Knight and when Amy appears, Sonic acts all best-friends with her. Please put this in the next issue you can because I know that many Sonic fans have the same question as me!

Henry G.
Sent via e-mail to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Sonic's had a really rocky love-life, so he might be a little wary about jumping into a new relationship. His playful teasing is just his way of showing affection.

And who knows? Maybe it's his way of playing "hard to get."

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ON SALE THE WEEK OF 7/6/09

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